GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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Rules for T.V. Channels
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the TV channel-wise details of complaints received by the Government regarding telecasting of a particular incident in undesired and exorbitant manner repeatedly;

(b) the details thereof during the last five years; and

(c) the details of the action taken by the Government thereon?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION & BROADCASTING [COL RAJYAVARDHAN RATHORE (Retd.)]

(a) to (c): Ministry administers the Cable Television Act to regulate Cable TV Network including TV channels and has constituted a composite Inter Ministerial Committee (IMC) under the chairmanship of the Addl. Secretary (I&B) and comprising officers drawn from Ministries of Home Affairs, Law & Justice, Women and Child Development, Health & Family Welfare, External Affairs, Defence, Consumer Affairs and a representative from the industry in Advertising Standards Council of India (ASCI), to take cognizance sou-motu or look into specific complaints regarding violation of the Programme Code and Advertising Code in respect of content carried by private TV channels. The IMC functions in a recommendatory capacity. The final decision regarding penalties and its quantum is taken by the Ministry on the basis of the recommendations of IMC.
Appropriate action is taken by Ministry against TV channels whenever violation of the said codes is established by IMC.

The details of action taken against content telecast on private satellite TV channels in violation of the Programme and Advertising Codes during the last five years and the current year are enclosed at Annexure.

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